

MINUTES

ELEVATOR INSTALLATION, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE WORK EXAMINING BOARD

AUGUST 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson John DeRosa at 9:00 a.m. on August 3, 2016 in Room 117 at the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present: John R. DeRosa, Jr., Elevator Craftsman,
Acting Chairperson
Michael Griffin, Elevator Craftsman
Joseph Bayusik, Unlimited Contractor
Paul Farnsworth, Unlimited Contractor
Todd Johnston, Public Member
Dale Clayton, Public Member

Members Absent: Thomas J. O'Reilly, Unlimited Contractor

Board Vacancies: Public Member

DCP Board Staff: Richard M. Hurlburt, Director
Karen Layman, Secretary

Board Council Present: None

Others Present: Commissioner Jonathan A. Harris
Julianne Avallone, Director, DCP Legal Division
Jerry Padula, DCP Staff Attorney
Janita Hamel, Supervisor, DCP Trade Practices
Owen Golding, Dept. of Labor
Gil LaClair, IUEC Local 91

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MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of the June 1, 2016 Elevator Installation, Repair, and Maintenance Work Examining Board meeting and voted unanimously to approve as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

APPLICATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Act No. 16-3 – An Act Concerning Installers of Residential Stair Lifts

Chairperson John DeRosa submitted a document containing draft language for proposed limited residential stair lift journeyman and contractor licenses in response to Public Act 16-3. Julianne Avallone noted the draft language presented in this document refers to two licenses however, the Public Act requires that a single license be established, and that this difference in format may be problematic. Mr. DeRosa stated that this draft language follows the structure of the other limited licenses under Chapter 393 and was drafted as such.

Julianne Avallone referred to the document drafted within the Department and entitled *Elevator Residential Stair Lift Technician Proposed Draft Regulations, Public Act 16-3, Draft Only, 6/21/16*, and discussion took place regarding the differences between the two proposed draft regulations. John DeRosa and Paul Farnsworth stated that, in their opinions, the experience requirement of “performing not less than ten new installations” is not sufficient for equipment as complex and as potentially dangerous as chair lifts, and that having an established apprenticeship program through the Department of Labor is essential to ensure that an applicant has the proper experience and training.

Paul Farnsworth introduced a document entitled *Minimum Training Threshold Standards Necessary for Installation, Maintenance, And Repair of Stairway Chairlifts*. This document recommends a minimum 2,000 hours of on the job training and 324 hours of related instruction. Also, it notes that the term “residential chair lifts” should be changed to “residential stairway chairlifts.”

Julianne Avallone reiterated that the format of the Board’s suggested draft language submitted is not in alignment with Public Act 16-3. Further discussion continued regarding concerns about experience and training requirements, different types of residences such as those with shared hallways, etc.

The Board voted unanimously to submit the document of the Board's suggested draft language for proposed limited residential stair lift journey person and contractor licenses to Raul Rodriguez, Asst. Attorney General, to provide a legal opinion as to whether or not the language in this document would conform to the intent of Public Act 16-3.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of PSI exam results

The Department reported that there were no exams taken during this reporting period.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP TRADE PRACTICES DIVISION COMPLAINT STATUS REPORT:

1. Janita Hamel, Supervisor, Trade Practices, appeared and reported that there are five cases, four closed and one open, for the period of January 2016 until present.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman,
Board Secretary

2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

- **October 5, 2016**

Meetings are held at 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT at 9:00 a.m. in Room 117